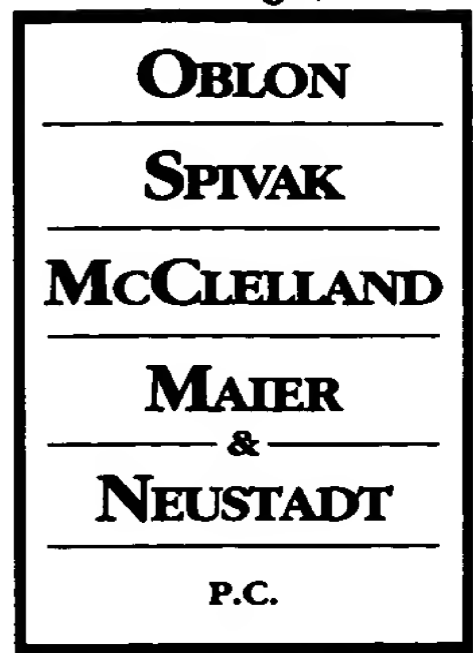




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Re: Inventor: CARLO BOTTERO ET AL
Serial No. 09/750,311
Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2000
For: AUTOPROTECTED OPTICAL COMMUNICATION
RING NETWORK

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESPONSE

Copy of Declaration, Petition for Extension of Time, and Date-Stamped Filing Receipt
Notice to File Missing Parts
Notice of Incomplete Reply

Our check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$324.
 - \$324 for 33 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.

- The balance due by applicant is \$ 324.

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The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 04/16/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 02/16/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

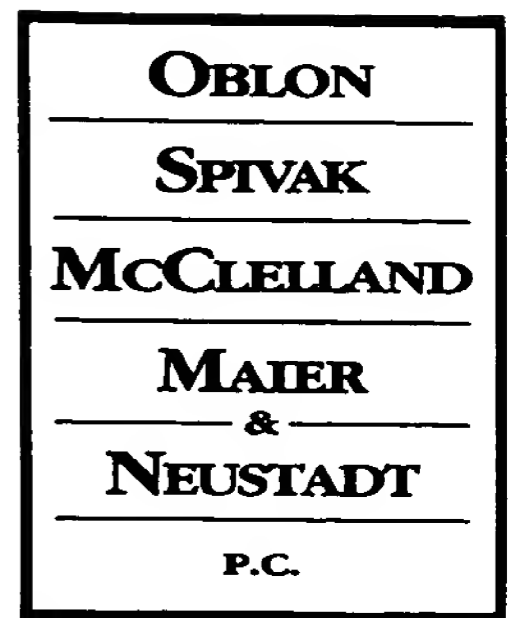
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**THIS IS A RESPONSE TO A
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Re: Inventor: Fulvio ARECCO, et al.
Serial No: 09/750,311
Filed: December 29, 2000
For: AUTOPROTECTED OPTICAL COMMUNICATION RING NETWORK

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Petition for Extension of Time (1 Month)
Notice to File Missing Parts
Filing of Declaration/Declaration**

Our check in the amount of \$434.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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For: AUTOPROTECTED OPTICAL COMMUNICATION RING NETWORK

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
CARLO BOTTERO ET AL : EXAMINER:
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In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply of May 23, 2001, the following
comments are presented.

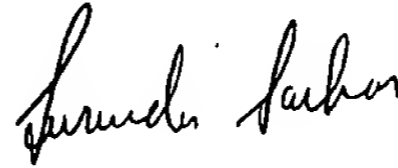
COMMENTS

The Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed May 23, 2001, indicated that the oath or
declaration was missing. However, in response to that paper it is noted that the declaration
was filed on May 16, 2001. A copy of the declaration as filed, and the date-stamped filing
receipt indicating the filing of that declaration, are enclosed herewith. Therefore, the

outstanding Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed May 23, 2001, is in error and is believed to now be fully responded to.

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SERIAL NUMBER: 09/750,311

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FILING DATE: December 29, 2000

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Responsive to the notification dated February 16, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. Attached is a check any amount of \$324.00 dollars to cover the fee for additional claims over 20.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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